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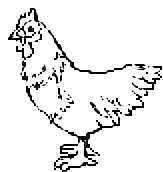
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were lower in the West, mostly unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was irregular, ranging steady in the Midwest and South, at least steady in the East and weak in the West. Demand was seasonally light to fair, at times good into food service, with most interest focused on more traditional holiday items. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mostly limited to regular commitments and preparing for Thanksgiving needs. Availability of all items was at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 11/11/02-11/16/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD
		AVG		AVG
Bos/New Eng	48.00-51.00	49.09	11	51.48
Chicago	40.00-43.00	43.65	44	45.66
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	48.57
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	57.36
Denver	66.50	66.49	17	65.88
Detroit	42.00-44.00	43.10	10	49.43
Los Angeles	67.00	64.87	65	61.24
New York	45.00-48.00	47.09	23	49.37
Philadelphia	46.00-48.00	47.00	10	45.02
Pittsburgh	45.00-48.00	47.20	10	52.51
St. Louis	43.00-43.50	42.56	15	44.86
San Francisco	67.50	66.33	30	64.93

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	11/11/02	Change/Last Wk	11/04/02	11/12/01
610	53.01	-1.10	54.11	59.30

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	47.00-49.00	48.65	33
Central	44.00-52.00	49.74	60
West	44.50-58.00	54.89	50

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-62.00	61.25	80
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,121	40.00-66.50	60.97

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	169.00	1,420
BREASTS - B/S	130.00	4,949
BREASTS - WHOLE	64.50	1,188
THIGH MEAT - B/S	56.50	901
LEG QUARTERS	18.00	9,612
WINGS	45.00	3,496

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity was mostly light to fair as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance and limited orders to normal commitments. Offerings of all sizes ranged balanced to adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally sluggish. The market tone ranged steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were readily available at discounted levels. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts ranged adequate to fully adequate. Wings were noted as better balanced.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was seasonally light with limited trading as more traditional holiday items received most interest. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle needs. In the parts structure, movement was light. Wings were better balanced and moving with less difficulty, and the remaining items were at least adequate with mixed demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Majority prices were 1 cent lower than last week. Trade sentiment was barely steady with excess product often noted at sharply discounted levels. Offerings were seasonally ample as buyers' interest focused on traditional Thanksgivings Day needs. Retailer demand was moderate to good best for whole body where smaller outlets planned features to break late in the week. Dealers reported desirable weekend carryovers. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarter bulk 18.5-19.5 and 19.75-20.5 on 4/10s, bone in breast 70-78 and boneless 120-125, drumstick in the mid 20s and boneless leg meat 55-57. The Los Angeles negotiated weighted WOG average price was down 2.76 to 48.77 with the volume reported at 32 loads down 3 percent from last week's level.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Majority prices were unchanged in all locations from last Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were available for the light trade interest. Retail demand was sluggish. Food service movement was mixed, light to fairly good, as dealer's attention focuses on traditional Thanksgiving items. Floor stocks adequate. Sizes were desirable. Supplies of all part items adequate for current needs. Trade sentiment was mostly steady on bone in breast, barely steady on leg items, about steady on wings and boneless skinless breasts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate. Offerings were generally well cleared on the 3.0 and 3.5 pound sizes, fully adequate on the balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were slow to clear. Other cuts were adequate to fully adequate and clearing satisfactorily at most plants.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARA.

RANGE	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
	11/12/02	11/11/02
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.640	51.14
NO. OF BOXES	8,356	7,830

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was cautious and unaggressive following the holiday weekend as dealers made room for the seasonal items entering the market and orders were limited to committed product. Offerings of bone-in breasts were fully adequate and often discounted to stimulate interest. Boneless-skinless breasts were available. Dark meat cuts ranged adequate to fully adequate. Wings were noted as slightly better balanced, but remained at least sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally sluggish. The market tone was barely steady to weak on bone-in breasts and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	120	126.96	311,250
TENDERLOINS	105	104.29	82,260
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	65.04	234,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	61.12	120,600
LEGS	31-32	33.53	116,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.62	597,553
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	27.67	137,125
THIGHS	20-21	32.54	69,191
B/S THIGHS	62-63	56.01	101,250
WINGS (WHOLE)	40-41	45.12	139,150
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.99	38,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.85	20,735
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	63.57	22,610

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY WT.	AVG
BREAST - B/S	958	110.00-129.00	112-119	117.46
TENDERLOINS	35	103.00-158.00	-	108.05
BREAST - WITH RIBS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
FRONT HALVES	320	52.00-56.00	-	54.00
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,008	14.00-17.00	15	14.94
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,630	16.00-18.00	16	16.26
WINGS (WHOLE)	105	32.00-45.00	35-35	36.24
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,927	10.00-21.00	-	16.72

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	11/11	11/09	11/09	11/04	11/02
ALA	3,556	4,075	5.08	4,056	5.04
ARK	5,361	5,297	4.93	4,932	4.91
DELMARVA	2,309	2,372	5.06	2,323	5.10
LA-TENN	1,944	1,990	4.71	2,009	4.59
MISS	2,891	2,948	5.19	2,870	5.24
NC	2,209	2,645	5.97	2,668	5.99
TEXAS	2,467	2,178	4.89	2,163	4.81
TOTAL	20,737	21,505	5.11	21,021	5.10
MON	20,737 (B)			21,021 (B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Nov 2002 is estimated to be 31,025,000 down 1.65 percent from a week ago and up 6.7 a year ago. (Last week 31,544,000, last year 29,073,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	958	108.00-191.00	116-125	122.01
TENDERLOINS	136	105.00-180.00	105-110	123.90
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	68.00-75.00	70-72	71.88
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	92	19.00-33.00	19-20	21.25
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	708	14.00-18.00	15	16.36
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,208	16.00-24.00	17-19	18.90
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	42.00-49.00	46-48	47.64
WINGS (CUT)	507	53.00-62.00	53-55	55.49
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 11, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
34.50 - 38.50	36.68	35.61

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 11-NOV-2002 TO 15-NOV-2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	107.00 - 132.00	115.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	63.00 - 80.50	65.00 - 69.00
LEGS	21.00 - 37.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 21.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	18.00 - 35.00	-
THIGHS	17.00 - 35.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	30.00 - 52.00	40.00 - 45.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 45.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 45.00	-

#### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83-87

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

#### **DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	89-91
ROASTERS 4# & UP	88-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

#### **SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-94
	DRY PACK	96-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	92-98
DUCKS		152-166

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

**CHICKEN** 08-NOV-2002  
 — PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.00-16.00	13.50-14.00	800,000	520,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.34	13.70		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00	10.00-12.50	1,440,000	520,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.00	11.43		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES OF CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged to lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate supplies of raw material. Finished sales were seasonally active with processing schedules at least adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-NOV-02

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.5-11.75	7.75-9	8.80

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

**CHICKEN** 08-NOV-2002  
 — PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	14.00	102,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		
15-20%	11.00-13.00	9.00-16.00	1,807,200	1,072,800
WTD AVERAGE	12.25	11.64		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	10.00	20,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		10.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES OF AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices trended slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate. Offerings were at least adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-NOV-02.

RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD CENTS/LB.	AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.75-10	8.25-8.75	8.39
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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